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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 12060

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR, US

SUBJECT: PRC MEDIA SILENCE ON PRESIDENT FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING

REF: PEKING 1914

1. NEITHER NCNA NOR PRC-OWNED HONG KONG PAPERS HAVE YET REPORTED OR MENTIONED THE FORTHCOMING MEETING NEAR VLADIVOSTOK OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV.

2. HOWEVER, A HONG KONG PUBLISHING SOURCE ASSOCIATED WITH U.S.-PRC TRADE RELATED GIST OF NOVEMBER 3 CONVERSATION HE HAD ON THIS SUBJECT WITH WU TAI-CHOU, PUBLISHER OF PRO-PRC HONG KONG EVENING NEWS. WU SAID THAT CHINA HAD INFORMATION THAT IT WAS THE SOVIETS WHO HAD INSISTED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK AREA VENUE FOR THE MEETING, BECAUSE USSR WANTED TO UNDERSCORE ITS CLAIM AS A PACIFIC POWER. THE U.S. HAD SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN IN TO THE USSR DEMAND. ACCORDING TO WU, PRC REGARDS THIS SELECTION AS AN INSULT TO CHINA BECAUSE IT WAS ON CHINA'S DOORSTEP. WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT

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GREENWAY RECENTLY QUERIED N.C. LING, EDITOR OF ENGLISH WEEKLY

EDITION OF PRC-OWNED HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO ABOUT SUBJECT. LING  
REPLIED THAT MEETING WAS NOT PROVOCATIVE TO CHINESE AS LONG AS  
"THERE WAS NO COLLUSION AGAINST PRC" AT THIS MEETING. GREENWAY  
ADDED HE HAD PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT LING WAS NOT BEING FRANK IN  
HIS REPLY.  
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